Accident claims racket in Bombay

221. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a flourishing accident claims racket, allegedly involving insurance personnel and dealers of Maruti Udyog cars has been unearthed in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to apprehend the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No such specific instance has come to notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of ESI Hospitals

222. SHRI O J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the development of ESI Hospitals in various places;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reactions thereto; and

(c) what steps Government are taking for the development of the said hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) Suggestions are received from time to time for setting up of new hospitals, provisions of new or additional equipments etc. All such suggestions are examined by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation with reference to the norms laid down by them for setting up hospitals, provision of equipment etc. and, if considered justified action is taken to have the needful done. The Corporation has so far set up 89 ESI Hospitals and 42 ESI Annexes with 18,493 beds in different States/Union Territories. Another 27 ESI hospitals with 3,745 beds are at various stages of construction.

Penalty and fine collected by AEPC

223. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of penalty and fine collected or forfeited by the Apparel Export Promotion Council from garment exporters for non-shipment of export quotas as on the 31st December, 1984, the 31st March, 1985 and the 30th September, 1985; and

(b) whether the amounts with interest that accrued thereon have been frozen by Government and if so, what are the details of the freezing orders issued by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The information on amount of forfeiture is normally compiled annually and according to available information. Apparel Export Promotion Council had collected a sum of Rs. 3.12 crores on account of forfeiture as on 31-12-1984.

(b) The Government have issued instructions to AEPC to keep these amounts with interest separately to be utilised for export promotion activities with the approval of the Government.

Withdrawal of Marketing Development Assistance given to AEPC

224. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what are the reasons for withdrawing Marketing Development Assistance given to Apparel Export Promotion Council and the effective date of its withdrawal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Apparel Export